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6 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
7 FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA
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9 C.M., on her own behalf and on behalf of
10 her minor child, B.M.; L.G., on her own
11 behalf and on behalf of her minor child,
12 B.G.; M.R., on her own behalf and on
13 behalf of her minor child, J.R.; O.A., on her
14 own behalf and on behalf of her minor
15 child, L.A.; and V.C., on her own behalf
16 and on behalf of her minor child, G.A.,

17 Plaintiffs,

18 v.

19 United States of America,

20 Defendant.

No. 2:19-CV-05217-SRB

**FEDERAL RULE OF
EVIDENCE 502(d) ORDER**

21 Upon review of the parties' joint motion and good cause appearing,

22 **IT IS ORDERED** pursuant to Rule 502(d) of the Federal Rules of Evidence, Rule
23 26(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and the Court's inherent authority, the
24 production of a document, or part of a document, shall not constitute a waiver of any
25 privilege or protection as to any portion of that document, or as to any undisclosed
26 privileged or protected communications or information concerning the same subject
27 matter, in this or in any other proceeding. This Order applies to attorney-client privilege,
28 work-product protection as defined by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure Rule 26(b),
governmental privileges (including, but not limited to, deliberative process privilege, law

1 enforcement privilege, and other privileges the United States may invoke), or any other
 2 applicable privilege or protection. Nothing in this Order shall constitute an admission that
 3 any document disclosed in this litigation is subject to any of the foregoing privileges or
 4 protections, or that any party is entitled to raise or assert such privileges. Additionally,
 5 nothing in this Order shall prohibit parties from withholding from production any
 6 document covered by any applicable privilege or other protection.

7 This Order shall displace the provisions of Fed. R. Evid. 502(b)(1) and (2). That is,
 8 the disclosure of privileged or protected information, as described above, in this litigation
 9 shall not constitute a subject matter waiver of the privilege or protection in this or any
 10 other federal or state proceeding, regardless of the standard of care or specific steps taken
 11 to prevent disclosure. However, nothing in this Order shall limit a party's right to conduct
 12 a pre-production review of documents as it deems appropriate.

13 **I. DEFINITIONS**

14 1. "Document," as used herein, includes all items listed in Fed. R. Civ. P.
 15 34(a)(1)(A) and (B).

16 2. "Documents Produced," as used herein, includes all documents made
 17 available for review or produced in any manner during this litigation.

18 **II. PROCEDURES**

19 The procedures applicable to a claim of privilege on a produced document and the
 20 resolution thereof shall be as follows:

21 **Discovery of Potentially Privileged Document by Receiving Party**

22 1. If a party discovers a document, or part thereof, produced by another party
 23 that is privileged or otherwise protected, the receiving party shall promptly notify the
 24 producing party and shall sequester and cease use of the identified document or
 25 information to give the producing party a reasonable period, presumptively three (3)
 26 business days, to determine if the document was intentionally produced. If the producing
 27 party indicates that a document should be returned or destroyed because it is privileged or
 28 otherwise protected, and the receiving party agrees with the privilege assertion, the

1 receiving party shall (1) promptly return the specified document(s) and any copies or (2)
2 destroy the document(s) and copies and certify to the producing party that the document(s)
3 and copies have been destroyed. The receiving party must also promptly identify,
4 sequester, and destroy any notes summarizing the substance of a document, except that the
5 receiving party may retain notes (1) reflecting or memorializing any discussions with the
6 producing party about the privilege assertion and/or (2) related to motion practice
7 challenging the producing party's privilege assertion. If the receiving party contests the
8 privilege assertion, the parties will abide by the process as laid out in Paragraphs 5 through
9 7 below. Nothing in this Order is intended to shift the burden to identify privileged and
10 protected documents from the producing party to the receiving party.

11 **Discovery of Potential Privilege by Producing Party**

12 2. If the producing party determines that a document produced, or part thereof,
13 is subject to a privilege or privileges, the producing party shall give the receiving party
14 notice of the claim of privilege ("privilege notice").

15 3. The privilege notice must contain information sufficient to identify the
16 document including, if applicable, a Bates number as well as identification of the privilege
17 asserted and its basis.

18 4. Upon receiving the privilege notice, if the receiving party agrees with the
19 privilege assertion made, the receiving party must (1) promptly return the specified
20 document(s) and any copies or (2) destroy the document(s) and copies and certify to the
21 producing party that the document(s) and copies have been destroyed. The receiving party
22 must sequester and destroy any notes summarizing the substance of a document, except
23 that the receiving party may retain notes (1) reflecting or memorializing any discussions
24 with the producing party about the privilege assertion and/or (2) related to motion practice
25 challenging the producing party's privilege assertion." If a receiving party disclosed the
26 document or information specified in the notice before receiving the notice, it must take
27 reasonable steps to retrieve it, and so notify the producing party of the disclosure and its
28 efforts to retrieve the document or information.

1 5. Upon receiving the privilege notice, if the receiving party wishes to dispute a
2 producing party's privilege notice, the receiving party shall promptly meet and confer with
3 the producing party. The document(s) shall be sequestered immediately upon receiving
4 the privilege notice and may not be used by the receiving party in the litigation (e.g. filed
5 as an exhibit to a pleading; used in deposition) while the dispute is pending. If the parties
6 are unable to come to an agreement about the privilege assertions made in the privilege
7 notice, the receiving party may make a sealed motion for a judicial determination of the
8 privilege claim.

9 6. Pending resolution of the judicial determination, the parties shall both
10 preserve and refrain from using the challenged information for any purpose and shall not
11 disclose it to any person except as may be required to present the issue for judicial
12 resolution. The receiving party's motion challenging the assertion must not publicly
13 disclose the information claimed to be privileged. Any further briefing by any party shall
14 also not publicly disclose the information claimed to be privileged if the privilege claim
15 remains unresolved or is resolved in the producing party's favor.

16 7. If a document must be returned or destroyed as determined by the process
17 above, that document, along with copies of the document, that exist on back-up tapes,
18 systems, or similar storage need not be immediately deleted or destroyed, and, instead,
19 such materials shall be overwritten and destroyed in the normal course of business. Until
20 they are overwritten in the normal course of business, the receiving party will take
21 reasonable steps to limit access, if any, to the persons necessary to conduct routine
22 information technology and cybersecurity functions.

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24 Dated this 17th day of July, 2020.

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28 Susan R. Bolton
United States District Judge